



Department of Agriculture's Indiana Grown Initiative to have Large Presence at Fantastic Food Fest

Indiana's largest food and beverage event to focus on local movement with exhibitors, cooking demos and more

WHAT: Indy's largest food-and-beverage event, [Fantastic Food Fest](#)—an all-out, interactive experience featuring [Indiana Grown](#) member products, celebrity appearances, hands-on cooking classes, demonstrations, tastings and more.

WHEN: 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., Saturday, January 16 and Sunday, January 17

WHERE: Indiana State Fairgrounds
Champions Pavilion
1202 E. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46205

ABOUT

THE FEST: Food celebrities Ted Allen and Hugh Acheson will headline Fantastic Food Fest, the biggest-ever food-and-beverage event in Indianapolis. Nearly 200 fine food, breweries, wineries, restaurants and select vendors will come together to share mouth-watering food and drink, shopping, and cooking demonstrations and classes.

The Food Fest will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day and boasts a series of local and national celebrity chef appearances, including Ted Allen (host of Food Network's "Chopped"), Hugh Acheson (contestant and judge on "Top Chef"), Loreal Gavin ("The Butcher Babe") and Sabrina Richard (local celebrity kid-chef).

In addition to top-tier talent, more than 50 Indiana Grown members will showcase their ~~Indiana~~ products to consumers attending the show. Indiana Grown is the presenting sponsor of the Fest, giving Hoosier farmers, producers and processors a unique opportunity ~~to spotlight the buy-local movement.~~

For more information on Fantastic Food Fest events, demonstrations, exhibitors and online ticketing, visit FantasticFoodFest.com. To stay up to date on the latest information about the show, follow Fantastic Food Fest's social channels on Facebook at [Fantastic Food Fest](#) and on Twitter at [@FanFoodFest](#).

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ABOUT INDIANA GROWN

Developed and supported by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), the Indiana Grown Initiative educates consumers on the importance of buying Indiana Grown products, helps Indiana farmers and producers sell more products and supports Indiana processors in their effort to process more Indiana Grown products. Indiana Grown members and partners include farmers, producers, processors and artisans, as well as retailers, grocers and restaurants. For more information, visit www.IndianaGrown.org.

ABOUT CIRCLE CITY EXPOS

Circle City Expos is a consumer-event production company based in Carmel, Indiana. CCE produces consumer events including Indianapolis Bride Expo, Bloomington Bride Expo, Indiana LGBT Wedding Expo and Indy Women's Expo. The company is led by husband-and-wife team- Jason and Leslie Swathwood, 20-year veterans of the event industry. Circle City Expos is a proud member of the International Special Events Society, American Culinary Federation, Indiana Grown, the Indiana Restaurant and Lodging Association and the National Association of Consumer Shows. For more information on Circle City Expos, visit www.circlecityexpos.com/.

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